

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, 33, 34, 38 – 42, 50 – 52, 54, 73, and 86 have been amended and new dependent claim 88 has been added. Claims 1 – 88 remain in the application.

Formal drawings (9 sheets) are enclosed.

Claims 1 – 32, 34 – 35, 38 – 42, 52 – 57 and 73 – 87 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite on the grounds that claim 1 is confusing because it recites that the conducting means is incorporated into the thickness of certain members and that a thickness is a dimension rather than a part of a member. Claims 2 – 32, 86 and 87 depend from claim 1. Claims 3 – 10, 17 – 26, 31, 32, 34 – 35, 38 – 42, 52 – 57 and 73 – 87 each recite, or depend from claims reciting, the term “formed from”, which is stated as implying that the recited material is not necessarily what a component is made of, but may also encompass a precursor thereto. It has been suggested that the term “from” be changed to “of”.

Claims 33, 36, 37, 43 – 51 and 58 – 72 have been indicated as allowed.

Claims 1 – 32, 34 – 35, 38 – 42, 52 – 57 and 73 – 87 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase “of the thickness” from subparagraph five. Claims 3, 17, 25, 31, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 52, 54, 73, and 86 have been amended to change “formed from” to “formed of” as suggested. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 should now be overcome.

Claims 7, 9 – 11, 15, 22, 23, 30, 33, 50, 51 have been amended to correct typographical or grammar errors that should not affect the scope of the claims.

The disclosure has been objected to because of the following informalities: There is no drawing numeral 100 as mentioned in section 044 of the specification. The reference to Serial No. 09/618,525 should be corrected to recite the Patent No.

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Drawing numeral 100 appears in Figure 2 as originally filed. For clarity, paragraph 044 of the Specification has been amended to indicate a reference to Fig. 2 immediately following reference numeral 100. Paragraph 019 in the Specification has been amended to reference U.S. Patent No. 6,376,117 instead of the Serial Number and filing date. The objection should now be overcome.

Claims 7, 9, 11, and 15 have been amended to change "a portion each of" to "a portion of each of".

Dependent claim 88 has been added. Support for the claim can be found in paragraph 68 of the application as originally filed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome and it is respectfully requested that a notice of allowance issue in due course.

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